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Documents A1-A2 were cited in document C2.

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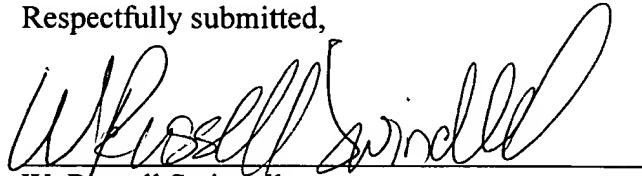
#### **Cross Reference Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 To Related Applications**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78, Applicant notes that the above-identified patent application

may be related to the following U.S. Patent Applications:

(1) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/501,169, Confirmation No. 1657 entitled  
"SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PUBLISHING DOCUMENTS," filed February 9, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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